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Sexual Morality: Biblical Analysis and Perspectives

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Abstract

The aim of our study is to analyse the concept of sexual morality from a biblical perspective. To achieve that goal, the methodology used is based on critical littérature review, phenomenology and Biblical methodology which is a method that seeks to shed light upon the historical processes which give rise to the biblical texts. It proceeds from textual criticism to redaction criticism, operating with the help of scientific criteria. The objective of our study is to answer a number of questions useful to shed more light on the impact of sexual practices on the physical, psychological and spiritual lives of people and ultimately to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. The interest of this work is spiritual, philosophical and social. The results of our analysis show that illicit sexual intercourse or sexual activity are the order of the day against God's will and plans of happiness for humankind. It appears that the decadence and instability in the present world is at the image of abandonning God's laws especially in terms of sexuality which a means for the devil to lead astray to spiritual and physical death. Illicit sex make us prostitute just worth a loaf of bread instead of the glorious price the Lord Jesus paid for us. We should pray and work hard to run away from sexual immorality to save ourselves and the world around us.

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1. Introduction

The Bible is not silent on the topic of sex, on the contrary there is almost 105 times when the theme of sexuality is mentionned. Etmologically the sexuality refers to "action or fact of being sexed or having distinctions between the sexes;"; the "capability of sexual feelings" or "(one's) sexual identity". Therefore the word is originally linked to gender, human identity, human capacities and above every thing God's creation, respect of God's decision, faith, belief and above all God's obedience to his will and purpose in our lives. Morality is linked to sex in the sense that interpersonal relationships and sexual activities are subject to ethics, rules and regulations from social, cultural, and philosophical perspectives. Human nature and goodness determines what is the norm but sometimes there is a confusion in between God and good in essence compared to man's ways which are most often turned towards evil and personal interest. This is in line with the Bible that says in Genesis 6:5 that *The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.*

We can read on various online sites that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) movements are social movements that advocate for LGBT people in society. Although there is not a primary or an overarching central organization that represents all LGBT people and their interests, numerous LGBT rights organizations are active worldwide. According to a 27-country Ipsos survey, it appears that 20 % of adult population are not heterosexual as God's desire and will in the bible. The said report stipulates that 1% among all adults On average, globally, 80% identify as heterosexual, 3% as gay, lesbian or homosexual, 4% as bisexual, 1% as pansexual or omnisexual, 1% as asexual, 1% as "other", and 11% don't know or won't say.

Concerning the sacred institution of marriage, Same-sex marriage is legally performed and recognized in over 36 countries out of the 195 countries in the world today.

These include countries such as Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, UK, USA, Uruguay.

It is well known that engaging in promiscuous behavior increases the risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). STDs such as HIV/AIDS, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and HPV can have serious consequences, including infertility, chronic pain, cancer, and even death.

Even more spiritually, the consequences are very serious such as:

- (1) it destroys our relationship with God and with our spouse;(2) It renders us useless in the kingdom of God;
- (3) it removes the grace of God and anointing of the Holy Ghost;
- (4) It removes our name from the book of life.

From the stand points of individual health, public health and social order, participating in homosexual activity could be viewed as dangerous to society and incompatible with full health. A 1999 New Zealand Study found that gay, lesbian, and bisexual young people were at increased risk for suicidal behavior and ideation, major depression.

Considering the importance of sexuality for human kind and risks at stake at the spiritual and physical levels, the following questions are raised:

- What is sex and rules about sex?
- What is God's position about sexuality
- Which evil spirits are behind immorality?
- What is the link in between Cult and sexual orientation?
- What is the morality behind sex?
- Which lessons from Sodom and Gomorrah?
- What are the spiritual consequences of homosexuality?
- What are the physical consequences of homosexuality?
- What are LGBT movements and their aim ?
- What about masturbation and alike sexual immoral acts?
- What are the spiritual and physical role of the pornography industry?
- What is usually the fate of pornactors and those who follow them?
- Sexual immorality, drug, occultism and criminality?
- How to keep the body clean as the temple of God nowadays?
- What about prostitution?

2. What is Sex and Rules About Sex?

Etymologically, sex refers to gender, genitals, males or females in other words section, division into male and female. Sexual relationship implies intercourse in between a male and a female. About that the Bible makes it clear that this kind of union is sacred and must take place only in wedlock or marriage. In Hebrews 13:4, sex outside of marriage is said to be immoral: "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.".This verse can'tjust be limited to adultery, since both "sexually immoral" and "adulterous" are listed.

Leviticus 18 commands not to commit sexual sins which are listed as follows:

6" 'Do not have sex with any of your close relatives. I am the Lord.

7" 'Do not bring shame on your father by having sex with your mother. Do not have sex with her. She is your mother. 8" 'Do not have sex with any other wife of your father. That would bring shame on your father.

9" 'Do not have sex with your sister. It does not matter whether she is your father's daughter or your mother's daughter. It does not matter whether she was born in the same home as you were or somewhere else.

10" 'Do not have sex with your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter. That would bring shame on you.

11" 'Do not have sex with the daughter of your father's wife. She was born to your father. She is your sister.

12" 'Do not have sex with your father's sister. She is a close relative on your father's side.

13" 'Do not have sex with your mother's sister. She is a close relative on your mother's side.

14" 'Do not bring shame on your father's brother by having sex with his wife. She is your aunt.

15" 'Do not have sex with your daughter-in-law. She is your son's wife. Do not have sex with her.

16" 'Do not have sex with your brother's wife. That would bring shame on your brother.

17" 'Do not have sex with both a woman and her daughter. Do not have sex with either her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter. They are close relatives on her side. Having sex with them is an evil thing.

18" 'Do not take your wife's sister as another wife and have sex with her. Do not do it while your wife is still living.

19" 'Do not have sex with a woman during her monthly period. She is "unclean" at that time.

20" 'Do not have sex with your neighbor's wife. That would make you "unclean."

22" 'Do not have sex with a man as you would have sex with a woman. I hate that.

23" 'Do not have sex with an animal. Do not make yourself "unclean" by doing that. A woman must not offer herself to an animal to have sex with it. That is a wrong use of sex.

According to other religions such as Islam, Indouhism, Judaism, Boudhism just to name but a sample of the main religious movements recognized in the world, it appears that Islamic legal tradition treats any sexual contact outside a legal marriage as a crime. Hinduism teaches that sexual relationships should only occur in marriage between a man and a woman. According to Hindu teachings, in marriage, a couple should procreate. In Judaism, a man is permitted to engage in physical intimacy with his legally wedded wife provided he does not release seed in vain. Buddhist teachings on sexual ethics are not clearly formulated but there are two general ideas that run through Buddhist ethics on this matter: celibacy is preferred to marriage, and the only legitimate forms of sexual contact within marriage should be procreative in nature.

3. What is God's Position about Sexuality?

With one consistent voice, the Bible teaches that any type of sexual activity outside the God-ordained marriage of male and female is sinful. Therefore, specific activities such as premarital sex, adultery, or homosexual sex are inconsistent with God's holy purposes for sexual expression.

According to Moody Bible institute1, sexual identity, sexual intimacy, marriage, monogamy are reflected in the Bible to show clearly God's position about these important elements for the wellbeing of humanity. As far as sexual identity is concerned, Marriage is the God-ordained context for the

sexual union between a male and a female and is blessed with life-giving potential by God Himself.Scripture clearly teaches that God has designed human beings as exclusively male or female without the ability to change that. It is fixed in the womb.

This is not exactly what some scientists pretends as they theorize that it is caused by a complex interplay of genetic, hormonal, and environmental influences. Genesis 1:27 is the basis and Biblical definition of sexual identity. "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female... ». Deuteronomy 22:5, "A woman shall not wear a man's apparel, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whoever does such things is abhorrent to the LORD... ».

4. Which Evil Spirits are Behind Immorality: Asmodeus

Demons are what the Bible refers to as unclean spirits behind most violation of God's laws. In the New Testament, Jesus taught that all sexual relationships outside of marriage are immoral. He also taught that lusting after someone is just as sinful as the act itself. The Bible, in Galatians 5:19-21, lists some of the sins common to mankind adultery, fornication (premarital sex), uncleanness, hatred, murders, and drunkenness—and says "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

According to the Book of Tobit, a high-ranking demon named Asmodeus lusted after a beautiful young Israelite woman named Sarah. Sarah tried to marry a number of times, but Asmodeus would always manifest on her wedding night and take the life of her husband.

Asmodeus is the Demon who personifies and represents lust, the sexual sin related to adultery. He is the demon who exists as the arch-rival of the angel of Chastity, Gabriel. His mission is clear: « Let lust consume their minds, to burn together in hell, for all eternity ». Asmodeus is the demon of lust and is therefore responsible for twisting people's sexual desires. Although lust is Asmodeus's speciality, he dabbles in other sins as well. He is said to lord over numerous gambling houses.

Asmodeus is a member of the Seven Princes of Hell and the embodiment of Lust, one of the Seven Deadly Sins. As the demon of lust, he manipulates the sexual desires of humans. Everyone who fails to resist his corruption will be condemned to spend an eternity in the second layer of Hell. Asmodeus can be a ruthless monster or a mischievous demon who is an expert on satire. He also has an intense dislike of birds and water as to him, they are a reminder of God. Asmodeus commands hundreds of legions of demons. His authority over Hell is second to Lucifer and Satan. He also oversees all the gambling horses that reside in the court of Hell. He is sometimes compared to Abaddon by theologians.

Asmodeus is the Lord of Nessus, the ninth and deepest layer of the Nine Hells. His true form rests in the Serpent's Coil, a deep, mile-wide rift which spirals in on itself for hundreds of miles in length, descending five miles deep to the lowest point in all of Nessus. Outside of the book of Tobit, Asmodeus appears most prominently in the Testament of Solomon (5:1-13). Asmodeus is vulnerable to beings that are the incarnations of good attributes such as Angels or Blessed Humans.

5. Esoterism and Sexuality

Renowned secret societies such as the Freemasons, rosecrucians, Skull and Bones and, of course, the Illuminati

are among the most influential movements in the world. Most often their approach to sexuality presents some peculiarities that are interesting for the present study. However their secret character make it difficult to unveil their indepth understanding of sexuality. Whatever the case some religious and spiritual movements against God's principles are illustrated in the Bible such as Ancient Egypt, Sodom and Gomorrah, Babylon, Roman empire, Niniveh just to name but a few.

In Ancient Egypt, Ritualistic sexual practices and sacred prostitutes were widespread, with passionate encounters believed to bring worshippers closer to the gods1.No ancient Egyptian document mentions that homosexual acts were punishable offenses2. Although Egypt certainly forbade adultery, incest does not seem to have been an Egyptian taboo. As early as the fourteenth century BCE3. Sex was not taboo. Even the Egyptian religion was filled with tales of adultery, incest, homosexuality and masturbation. Incest waspractised in ancient Egypt for strategic reasons, in order to preserve the symbolism which associates the pharaoh to a living god.

According to KT McLaren numerous esoteric groups formed and centered their ideologies on conceptions of ancient Egyptian knowledge. He argues that the AMORC saw heightened popularity because the organization achieved success in establishing itself as a legitimate and authoritative Egyptological entity. He concluded by saying that the relationship between esoterism and egyptology is well established.

As far as Sodom and Gomorrah are concerned, In the Abrahamic religions, Sodom and Gomorrah were two cities destroyed by God for their wickedness. The story is about some divine wrath against gay people, but because a propensity toward inhospitality, pride, violence and selfishness is within all of us. Sodom and Gomorrah was an ancient city of Syria located in the plain of Jordan. The city was destroyed by fire from heaven in the time of Abraham and Lot. According to Genesis 19, the sin involved homosexuality. The very name of that ancient city has given us the term sodomy.

1-Exploring Ancient Egyptian Sexuality, complete guide, **Pyramids Land Tours**, https://www.pyramidsland.com > blog > sexuality-in-anci.

- 2- Wikipedia.org.
- 3- taboo.com.

Their destruction by God which is associated primarily with their homosexual practices, which the Quran states they were the first creatures to commit such a deed. Most Orthodox Jewish and Christian scholars have held the position that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of their rampant homosexual behavior. The men of Sodom come to Lot's house and demand that the two visitors be handed over to them. The Sodomites' intentions were overtly sexual. The people of Sodom were indeed people of faith, but faith in the demonic gods. The nature of Sodom and Gomorrah is easily misunderstood as only referring to homosexuality. Sodomy is the worship of false gods.

Concerning Babylonian empire, Babylonian males use their wives and daughters as sexworkers to make a financial profit. Both accounts, Curtius and Herodotus, claim that the Babylonians allow their daughters and wives to have sex with strangers. According to Duncan, Babylon (or Babylonia) was

one of the first civilizations in existence. Cultic prostitution existed in Babylon, as told by the Greek writer Herodotus. He describes a bizarre and unusual practice in which Babylonian women were sent to a temple, once in their lives, to have sex with a complete stranger.Marduk, in Mesopotamia religion, the chief god of the city of Babylon and the national god of Babylonia; as such, he was eventually called simply Bel, or Lord.

Babylon is believed to have had dedicated temples set up specifically for prostitution. These divine brothels were more than just a place where people bought sex, this was a truly religious or ritualistic experience for the ancient Babylonians.In Babylonian culture, it was actually sinful not to have sex, rape was usual and normal as it was anormal not to have sex.

Orgies and prostitution were encouraged. The ancient Babylonians would have orgies that started off as simple dinner parties but, bit by bit, would progress into something that would take on a more sexual nature. The Babylonians weren't bashful or shy when it came to getting down and dirty; they would do it anytime, anywhere, and seemingly with anyone, whenever they wanted. Marriagemarketswere another peculiar part of Babylonian culture. Massive markets would be set up, and women of age were sold off to the highest bidder.

If a man is the father of an intact virgin, and another man has sex with her, the father of the virgin is then allowed to take and do with that man's wife as he pleases. According to the author and in his exact words, like most other cultures on Earth before the Judeo-Christian domination which took place after Constantine made Christianity the official religion of ancient Rome, It has been noted by scholars that Babylonian men sometimes liked to assume the role of women in sex, but to do so was looked down upon.

Ancient Egypt, Sodom and Gomorrah, Babylon, Roman empire, Niniveh just to name but a few have deviant practices such as orgy, homosexuality, sacred prostitution that were totally contrary to christianism. Most of those cultures are in link with the origins of some movements such as AMORC or freemasonry born in ancient Egypt known as the great source of esoterism.

6. Spirituality and Sexual Orientation

According to Coleman spirituality had a direct relationship with cognitive and social functioning. For christianism, sexual desire is rightfully fulfilled only within the lifelong union of one man and one woman in (holy) matrimony. Judaism seemsidentical in the sense that the traditional Jewish ideal is sex within the context of a marital relationship. This is the only kind of sex that is considered kiddushin (holy). The only difference being that polygamy is not forbidden as in christianism. Islam sustain the idea that sex is a « holy » thing thus should be practiced within a marital union. Practices such as extramarital sex, anal sex, and homosexuality are haram (prohibited) within Islam just like in judeo-christianism. However Unlike some other religions, such as Catholicism, birth control is halal (acceptable).

In Hinduism as we can read online, India did not have legal or moral restrictions on homosexuality or transsexuality for the general population prior to early modern period (Islam) and colonialism (Christianity). There are numerous Hindu deities that are shown to be gender-fluid and falling into the LGBT spectrum. According to the findings of the Oxford

academic researchers, it appears that Buddhist teachings on sexual ethics are not clearly formulated but there are two general ideas that run through Buddhist ethics on this matter: celibacy is preferred to marriage, and the only legitimate forms of sexual contact within marriage should be procreative in nature. Some of the largest secret cult seem to be inspired by ancient Egypt, Babylonian, sodom and Gomorrah sexual practices, which according to biblical perspectives are pervert and as such demonic and evil.

7. What is the Morality Behind Sex?

Sexual morality⁴ is defined as a system of principles that govern sexuality or the principles that define and determine whether a sexual act is right or wrong, good or evil (sinful). Sexual morality is either based on cultural, religious, spiritual, ethical, or legal concepts and views on human sexuality.

What kind of sexual behavior is morally permissible and under what circumstances? The reference to sexual morality is Godly considering the fact that the creator is the one determining what is right or not, it would be wrong for a creature to decide what is good, the same way as the pot does not decide over the potter how things work. The Bible is clear sexual relationship is clean only between a male and a female in wedlock. Other forms are reprehensible such as prostitution, homosexuality, orgy, etc.

Prostitution also reduces the value of property and lowers women's status. The purpose of sex is to reproduce, to experience pleasure, or to relieve sexual tension in a legal and moral way. It can help support healthy relationships and may improve overall well-being. But in the case of prostitution and homosexuality, it is strongly believe that Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) occur in sexually active gay⁵ men at a high rate. This includes STD infections for which effective treatment is available (syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, pubic lice, and others), and for which no cure is available (HIV, Hepatitis A, B, or C virus, Human Papilloma Virus, etc.).

4- Formosa publishing (2024).

5- New York State Department of Health (.gov), https://www.health.ny.gov > gay_men_health_concernsormosa publishing (2024).

According to Benucci (2024), to use the sexual function any other way is a sin. All sin, including homosexual activity, cuts a person off from God. It is choosing our own way over His way. Morality is God's instruction manual, and going against it hurts us, and hurts our relationship with Him. Moreover, negative religious experiences can lead to religious or spiritual (R/S) struggles and loss of R/S identity to maintain sexual identity.

8. Lessons from Sodom and Gomorrah

Sodom and Gomorrah are ancient cities near the Dead Sea that were destroyed by God for the vice and depravity of its inhabitants. Destruction and desolation are usually terms used to refer to these cities located today in Palestine. As we can read online, Sodomy also called buggery refers to various forms of deviant sexuality such as anal, oral, bestiality or non procreative sexual activity. Originally the term sodomy, which is derived from the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Book of Genesis, was commonly restricted to homosexual anal sex. A person who practices sodomy is sometimes

referred to as a sodomite just like an inhabitant of Sodom or city of destruction. To some extension it refers to sexual practices in ancient Egypt.

The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were the first on earth to commit a certain "indecency," and the Qur'ān states that they lusted after men instead of women. The biblical town of Gomorrah is synonymous with impenitent sin, therefore a town doomed to evil side in the same way as the devil. It is believed that those two cities were the exact will and likeness of lucifer on earth. The idea was to defy, challenge God's laws and dethrone him and his principles both physically and spiritually with false gods. Gommorrah is close to Gonorrhea most commonly spread during vaginal, oral or anal sexual activity. It a city full with uncleanliness and sickness.

Sodom and Gomorrah are much more spiritualymeaninful, because sodomy is more than sexual activity, it is all about detestable by God, prostitution or making a man less than an animal or a dog in heat without control, evil doing against his own body and others, perversion, filthy lives, adultery, depraved, prostitution, a staggering, lewdness, and is highlighted in the sexual perversion perceived attemptedpansexualrape of men against men.Sodomy is lawlessnessinvolvinglawlessdeeds, lawless men, unjust power, lies, a dangerous public square, paganrulers, and the trampling of the oppressed, fatherless and widows. Sodomyforsakes the image of God and the reduction of identity to a sub-human status (a dog).Sodomy is the worship of false gods, detestable images, idols of wood, stone, gold and silver, sacred stones, Asherahpoles, worship articles for Baal, weavings for Asherah, high places, the vile godChemosh, the vile goddessAshtoreth and the vile god Molech. Sodomy occupies the same territory of the idolatrous triad of astrology (worshiping the starry hosts), sacred prostitution and child sacrifice.

Sodomy is the breakdown of marriage and the family, of humanity, God's creation, every likely to him or in his own image.Sodomyequalspagan culture in its fullness such as Babylon, Egypt, Philistia, Edom, Moab and Ammon. The love of parading in public, false security. Sodomyseeks to infiltrate and take over the true worshiping community, the housing of the homosexual prostitutes, whosewages help finance the temple. Sodomy crucifies the Messiah and his followers. Sodomy will bejudged and destroyed by fire, the biblical textsspeak of Yahweh's fierceanger against sodomy, and how all the pagan cultures which embraced it whetherSodom, Gomorrah, Babylon, Egypt, Philistia, Edom, Moab or Ammon, were overthrown; but judgmentbegins with the household of God – soIsrael and Judah were overthrown, and so too will the unfaithful portion of the church. Sodomyrepresents social anarchy and lawlessnessrooted in a prior sexual anarchy and lawlessness.

${\bf 9.\ What\ are\ the\ Spiritual\ Consequences\ of\ Homosexuality\ ?}$

Romans 1:26–27 teaches that homosexuality is a result of denying and disobeying God. When people continue in sin and unbelief, God "gives them over" to even more wicked and depraved sin to show them the futility and hopelessness of life apart from God. One of the fruits of rebellion against God is homosexuality. First Corinthians 6:9 proclaims that those who practice homosexuality, and therefore transgress God's created order, are not saved. Homosexual desire is not what God originally intended. Our distorted desires are a sign that we have turned away from God.

Leviticus 2: 18 to 20 is clear about the topic as it state that

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination'. If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them'. An abomination is a sin that is addictive, destructive and that we are unlikely to repent. Sin can be forgiven but it takes more than forgiveness to handle abomination i.e a scandal, a shock, an horror. The word abomination comes from the Old French word abomination, meaning "horror, repugnance, disgust." The word abomination can also be used to refer to a person or object you find utterly loathsome and repellent.

10. What are the Physical Consequences of Homosexuality? According to the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA) on the negative Health Consequences of Same-Sex partners, homosexual men lead a very promiscuous, grotesque life style. Sexually transmitted diseases reak havoc on the human body, 100% factual. The same paper reveals that eventhough the public, government, and judiciary are being led to believe that same-sex sexuality is a normal variant with interactions and results equivalent to heterosexual sexuality. However, this position runs contrary to professional literature and the track record of history.

- Homosexuality involvesbizarre sexual practices: A 1979 survey in the book The Gay Report revealed the percentage of gay men engaged in the following practices: 99% oral sex, 91% anal sex, 82% rimming (analingus), 22% fisting, 23% golden showers (urination on another), 4% scat (defecation on another).
- Sexually transmitted diseases: The Gay Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) web site describes the following detrimental effects associated with same-sex sexual practice such as higher rates of HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, depression/anxiety, hepatitis, sexually transmitted illnesses (anal papilloma/HPV, gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia), certain cancers, alcohol abuse, tobacco use, eating disorders, and (in subsets) obesity.
- Reduced life span: The Canadian government and Health Canada asserted that the Canadian GLBT population had poor statistics for life expectancy (twenty years short of standard).Dr. J. Satinover documents that homosexuals lose twenty-five to thirty years of their lifespan.A 1997 Canadian study published in the International Journal of Epidemiology noted that in urban gay areas, homosexual men had a life expectancy comparable to that in Canada in the 1870s. The researchers concluded, "In a major Canadian centre, life expectancy at age 20 years for gay and bisexual men is 8 to 20 years less than for all men.
- Mental health issues: Various studies and reports among which the Netherlands Mental Health Survey and Incidence Study (NEMESIS) asserted, "people with same-sex sexual behavior are at greater risk for psychiatric disorders." Mood disorders, anxiety, having more than one psychiatric diagnosis, and substance use disorders were specified.
- Domestic violence is higher in same-sex relationships,

11. What are Lgbtq Movements and their AIM?

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) movements are social movements that advocate for LGBTQ people in society. A commonly stated goal among these movements is equal rights for LGBTQ people, oftenfocusing

on specific goals such as ending the criminalization of homosexuality or enacting same-sex marriage (Julia Goicichea, 2017) and (Rosenberg, 2016). « LGBT pride (also known as gay pride or simplypride) is the promotion of the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people as a social group ».

The idea presented is that those movements seek to defendgay rights by advocatingequal, eliminatesodomy laws; and calls for an end to discrimination against LGBTQ persons in employment, credit, housing, public. But such organizations seem to ignore the spiritual and physicalconsequences of sodomy or whathappened in sodom and Gomorrah.

12. What about Masturbation and alike Immoral acts?

To masturbate usually consists in stimulating of the genitals with the hand for sexual pleasure. It is a form of autoeroticism. It consists in the act of touching or rubbing your sexual organs, sexual self-gratification. It's sex with yourself. Etymologycally it derives from manus 'hand', 'disturb, agitate. It is a deliberate erotic self-stimulation. Is it dangerous for health? Is it forbidden by God? How can we resolve this issue? Most practitionners believe that it is safe and the little side effects in case of excessive masturbation could be Weaknesses, fatigue, minor injury or irritation, early ejaculation. For some physicians, masturbating can release healthy amounts of hormones that have a positive effect on your health and mood.

However, the perception of the Bible is different in the sense that eventhough the Bible doesn't explicitly mention masturbation, this practice constitute a risk as it violates clear principles related to purity, lust, and self-control. Actions like masturbation can lead to lustful thoughts and behaviors. Therefore if masturbation is not precisely condemned in the Bible, the fact that it can lead to lust, watching pornography, striptease which are considered sinful.

13. What are the Spiritual and Physical role of the Pornography Industry?

The word « pornography » literaly means « depicting prostitutes ». It is said that the concept could originate from a brothel in ancient Greece "porneion". The latter word referred to a stronghold of sin, a lodging-place for demons, a fortress of the devil, the destruction of the soul, the precipice and pit of all perdition. Nowadays the term refers to obscene pictures and movies. Today, pornography is mostly associated with porn videos on websites also called the porn industry.

The porn industry is estimated to bring in \$97 billion globally every year. Every second, 28,258 users are watching pornography on the internet, 40 million only in USA regularly visit porn sites. Porn industry constitutes 35% of all internet downloads. This prove how serious the phenomenon is important in our society.

However, many don't seem to know the dark side of pornography i.e at the spiritual and physical realms. According to Rabbi Lit, viewing pornography weakens a person's moral fabric. Naselli give us reasons why we should avoid pornography in all its forms. In the sense that It will send you to hell; It does not glorify God with your body; It is a poisonous, fleeting pleasure; It foolishly wastes your life; It betrays your wife and children; It ruins your mind and conscience and It participates in sex slavery.

In addition pornography initiate its addict in the occult and is a source of demon possession. In fact, Pornography is occultism aided by unseen criminal spirits and it kills sexuality, says Russell Moore, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission. The same demonic forces which work in the occult are also at work in the porn industry, and the porn industry is just as heavily controlled by Satan. Marine spirits are the mother of prostitutes/sex workers. Most sex worker are from the marine kingdom Revelations 17: 1:5).

The porn industry is embedded in the mainstream marketplace and economic structures, with powerful allies in finance, media and communication. The industry of sex is used to money launder drug trafficking, illegal activities, criminality, children abuse, organ trafficking, etc. Therefore by viewing or partaking into it we are accomplice to the moral degradation of the world, its destruction and to the advancement of criminality and the kingdom of darkness.

Watching porn is considered a sin according to the Bible. It promotes lust, idolatry, selfishness, and leads believers away from God. Engaging with pornography is also seen as a form of idolatry, turning focus away from spiritual purity and towards earthly desires. The Bible clearly states that in Matthew 5: 28 that:

« But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart ».

We need God's grace through prayer, meditation, the word of God, fasting and determination to overcome this serious issue that separate us from our blessing and make us live in curse and damnation.

14. What is Usually the fate of porn actors and those who Follow Them?

As we can read in the magazine *collective shout*: *The Dark Reason Porn Stars Keep Dying*, it is stated that « Nearly 90 per cent of women in the sex industry said they wanted to escape, but had no other means for survival and also experienced post traumatic stress disorder at rates of nearly 70 per cent equivalent to veterans of combat war ».

A 2012 report in LA found 28% of 168 porn actors had chlamydia or gonorrhea, or both. Moreover, « one of the biggest problems for female porn stars is that their careers, which typically begin in their early 20s, tend to be short the typical career arc stretches from six to 18 months. Thus, most adult actors find themselves "retired" before age 25 and many are forced to pursue new avenues ». Asan illustration, Porn star Olivia Nova, who rose to fame in the adult film industry in just a matter of months, has died at the young age of 20.

According to Rev. Daniel R. Jennings, When the deaths of 129 porn stars over a period of roughly 20 years were analyzed it was discovered that porn stars experienced an unusually large number of premature deaths from such causes as drugs, suicide, murder, alcohol abuse, accidental death, and disease (Cancer, AIDS, gonorrhea, chlamydia), etc. When the death ages of these porn stars were averaged it was discovered that the average life expectancy of a porn star is only 37.43 years whereas the average life expectancy of an American is 78.1 years.

It appears thus that life expectancy of porn actors are reduced by half or thrice in addition to a miserable life full of dishonor, sin and eternal separation from God. That is exactly the same faith of those who follow, watch and partake in such activities.

15. Sexual Immorality, Drug, Occultism and Criminality

As we saw in the case of the porn industry, it appears that sexual immorality is generally linked with other sins such as lust, drug abuse, occultism and criminality or even money laundering. The sexually immoral person is an idolater. As Galatians 5 tells us, idolatry is a desire of our sinful nature. Fornication, adultery, homosexuality, and sexual contact with animals are forbidden by the Word of God (Leviticus 18:23; Galatians 5:19-21).

Usually, people who drink or use drugs are much more likely to partake in risky sexual behaviors than their non-using peers. Despite the negative consequences, they are also more inclined to have sexual intercourse at younger ages and to have it with multiple partners.

Sexual immorality leads us away from the Lord and even worshiping false gods. And we see this in our culture where sex itself becomes the god. Immorality and licentiousness have swept nation after nation out of existence. God commands us to abstain from all sexual immorality, including premarital sex (fornication), homosexuality, incest, voyeurism, bestiality, public nudity.

16. How to Keep the Body Clean as the Temple of God Nowadays?

A sound mind in a sound body in a safe environment demonstrates the importance of preserving our body which is a temple for God both physically, spiritually in a convenient environment. It also demonstrates the close links between physical exercise, mental equilibrium and the ability to enjoy life.

Spiritually, the lord ask us to « Wash ourselves, make ourselves clean; Put away the evil of our doings from before His eyes and Cease to do evil » according to Isaiah 52:11. First, we must be honest with God and admit our sin (even if we were ignorant at the time); next, we must repent and renounce all ties with the past. Bible studies, Meditation, prayer and mindfulness are vital to maintain a spiritual hygiene.

Physically, it implies that we should keep our body clean, exercising enough, dressing modestly and living in an environment clean as a temple with respect through observance of the word of God (1 Corinthians 3:16–17). In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Paul says we are not our own. We were bought at a price. Having received our bodies as a gift from God, we are to use them to honor God. A holy temple is considered the house of the Lord. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. By keeping the commandments and living righteously, you invite the Holy Ghost to be your "constant companion". In 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, it is said: « 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. ».

17. What about Prostitution?

Prostitute is derived from the Latin prostituta meaning to offer for sale. The Greek word porneia refers to prostitution, with the related terms porne and pornos referring to female and male prostitutes, respectively. The Greek word porneia is a sin that includes a wide range of illicit sexual intercourse or sexual activity. prostitution involves at least two parties: the prostitute, who accepts money in exchange for engaging in sexual activity (or in virtue of whose sexual activity money is paid to a third-party profiteer), and the prostitute user, who pays money in order to engage in sexual activity with the

prostitute. The two are considered one by the Bible. For instance, prostitution in the U.S. can be divided into three broad categories: street prostitution, brothel prostitution, and escort prostitution.

The Bible condems prostitution, in Proverbs 6:26, it is said the price of a prostitute is only a loaf of bread, but a married woman hunts down a precious life. Though Jesus shows kindness and favor to tax collectors and prostitutes, he condems the sin of prostitution and calls for repentance. The Bible tells us that prostitution is immoral. Proverbs 23:27-28 says, "For a prostitute is a deep pit and a wayward wife is a narrow well. Flee from sexual immorality says the Bible. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. The Bible discusses several stories involving prostitutes and even some allegorical representations of prostitution to depict the sinful behaviors of people. We should believe in God and His power to redeemed and saved.

Proverbs 9:13-18, TLB. "A prostitute is loud and brash, and never has enough of lust and shame. She sits at the door of her house or stands at the street corners of the city, whispering to men going by, and to those minding their own business. 'Come home with me,' she urges simpletons. 'Stolen melons are the sweetest; stolen apples taste the best!' But they don't realize that her former guests are now citizens of hell."

Proverbs 5:3-14, TLB. "For the lips of a prostitute are as sweet as honey, and smooth flattery is her stock in trade. But afterwards only a bitter conscience is left to you, sharp as a double-edged sword. She leads you down to death and hell. For she does not know the path to life. She staggers down a crooked trail, and doesn't even realize where it leads. Young men, listen to me, and never forget what I'm about to say: Run from her! Don't go near her house, lest you fall to her temptation and lose your honor, and give the remainder of your life to the cruel and merciless, lest strangers obtain your wealth, and you become a slave of foreigners. Lest afterwards you groan in anguish and in shame, when syphilis consumers your body, and you say, 'Oh, if only I had listened! If only I had not demanded my own way! Oh, why wouldn't I take advice? Why was I so stupid? For now I must face public disgrace."

18. Conclusion and Perspectives

The word of God is clear and Jesus is the way, the truth and the life as it advises us clearly to shun away from sexual disorder as this implies destroying our own self (1 corinthians 6:18). Those who cannot uphold themselves should get married and respect their marital vow in between a man and a woman according to God's plan (Hebrews 13:4). We should not conform to this world in its evil passions such as homosexuality, anal sex, orgy and other defiling practices (1 Thessalonians 4: 3-5). The discipline of body and spirit is decisive for sin is manufactured and produced first in our thoughts (Matthew 5: 28). Sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints (Ephesians 5: 3).

God is not pleased with a man that lives according to the flesh as the works of the flesh are evident as stated in Galatians 5:19 such as sexual immorality, impurity and sensuality. Temptation is something normal but the Lord has given us the strenght to escape if only we will dwell in his presence (1 Corinthians 10: 13). We should avoid sexual temptation by getting married (1 Corinthians 7: 12), we should put to death the earthly things in us to exalt the heavenly ones in order to

escape idolatry (Colossians 3: 5).

In Ephesians 5:5 as well as 1 corinthians 6: 9-10, the message is more than clear, in the sense that the Bible says sexually immoral or impure, those who are covetous or idolater will not inherit the kingdom of God. The will of Yahweh is that we should abstain from sexual immorality in order to b pure and living in sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4: 3).

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